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Missouri.

State Graduate Nurses Also in Session Here

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The Pan-Missouri Graduate Nurses' Association opened its fifth annual session Wednesday morning at the Paseo Y. W. C. A. Miss Mary Williams, R. N., St. Louis, is president.

The annual reports of officers, appointment of committees, and the annual address by president Williams, were high lights of Wednesday morning's program: "Are Our Training Schools Complete," by Dr. Howard Smith and papers on nursing, training schools and advantages and disadvantages in managing small hospitals for Negroes were read Wednesday afternoon. Kansas City Call

Dr. Ralph B. Stewart, U. S. public health service, addressed the nurses Thursday morning. Dr. S. S. Hill, school dentist, spoke on "The Value of Teeth in Health and Disease." Miss Lucy Clark, R. N., local supervisor of nurses, public schools read a paper, "The Nine Point Child". Miss Phyllis M. Dacey, R. N., superintendent of visiting nurse association, spoke on "The Opportunities of the Public Health Nurse," Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Gene L. Boone gave a paper on "Tuberculosis." 5-25-28.

Mrs. N. S. McKinney, Misses Elizabeth Howland and Estelle Massey were hostesses at a tea for visiting nurses and doctors in the reception room of Wheatley Provident hospital yesterday afternoon. Kansas City.

The visiting nurses are: Misses Mabel Norcross and Leola Franklin, Mesdames Clyde Clark Moore, Jerdie Young, Mozella Porter, St. Louis; Mrs. Lola Williams, Lovejoy, Ill., and Mrs. Eva Simpson, Galesbury, Ill.

Six Nurses Get Diplomas Here

Miss Mary Trice, Honor Graduate, Retained on Hospital Staff

Six Nurses received diplomas at the graduating exercises of the St. Louis City Hospital No. 2 Training School for Nurses at Central Baptist Church Thursday evening.

Miss Mary Magdalene Trice, of Clarksville, Tennessee, was honor graduate of the class. Miss Trice has already taken the state board and passed with high marks. She will be retained on the City Hospital No. 2 staff.

The other members of the class were: Mary Beatrice Dixon, Brownsville, Tennessee; Mabel Ellis, Greenville, Mississippi; Ella Mae Furlough, Palestine, Texas; Lucille Lucretia Lacy, Palestine, Texas; Frances Lobbins, St. Louis, Mo.

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National Association of Colored Nurses.

ITEM
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

MAY 23 1928

COLORED NURSES TO MEET

The National Colored nurses' organization will meet in New Orleans for the first time during August, it was learned on Wednesday Sarah Buddington of New Orlean is president of the association.

NATIONAL NEGRO NURSES MEETING

New Orleans, La., to Entertain Nation-Wide Organization

MAYOR O'KEEFE, CITY OFFICIALS AND PROMINENT MEN SPEAKERS WILL EXTEND CORDIAL WELCOME

New Orleans, La.—(Special to the Nashville Globe)—Every possible preparation has been completed in this city for the entertainment of the National Negro Nurses' Association of America. His Excellency, the Governor of the State, His Honor, the Mayor of the city, have been invited to serve on the program. Whether Gov. Long will accept the invitation has not yet been definitely known, but the Citizen's Committee, headed up by the local Nurses Organization, supported by the physicians who are in sympathy with the movement, is ready to give them a royal entertainment and to see that a successful session, in so far as the citizenship is concerned, is guaranteed.

Scores of social functions have been arranged during the week of the four days' session. Miss Bullock, the National President, who resides in Chicago, has indicated that she will arrive from the Windy City with her special party over the Illinois Central Railroad. Her annual statement, in the form of an address, is already in course of preparation. An advanced notice that there will be an increased attendance over the previous session that was held in Tuskegee, has been received in this city. While it is not yet known in what building the National Convention will be held, the local Committee of Arrangements hopes to make the announcement early in the week.

The [illegible] of the city, the public school teachers and the president of the schools in New Orleans, like the Straight College, the New Orleans University, the president of the two schools in Baton Rouge, it is said, are also invited to extend welcomes and to help New Orleans entertain for the first time in its history, this nation-wide group that is distinguishing themselves in their line and in their profession. The city populace of both races will look in upon the session of this august body during their stay, and will get an idea of what the real meaning of the Association is, know more about the scope of work that they perform in their daily administration to the sick in the home and at the bedside, and just what it means to have a competent nurse called in on any case. They will know too, to just what they expose themselves when they take up the profession and choose this line of work for their livelihood.

Fraternal greetings are expected to be brought from the Associations composed of women of the other races, as they are working perfectly in unison for the betterment of humanity on a great big health program.

which is furnishing a grave problem for organized charities and social agencies. The convention sessions are at New Orleans University

New Orleans, La., Times-Picayune
Friday, August 24, 1928

NURSES TOLD SOUTH IS BEST TO NEGROES

The best place for the negro is in the South, according to Carrie E. Bullock of Chicago, president of the National Association of Colored Nurses, who pointed out Thursday to nurses in convention here that racial prejudice in the North is on the increase due to unemployment and overcrowding.

She said that the lot of the negro in the North is becoming more and more unsatisfactory due to high rents which cause overcrowding with subsequent menace to health and morals, and growing unemployment

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New York.

31 NURSES END TRAINING AT THE HARLEM HOSPITAL

Graduates Get Diplomas At Mother Zion; Reception at Home

The graduating exercises of the Harlem School of Nursing, Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, was held Thursday evening, April 19, at the New Mother Zion Church, 140 West 137th street, the Rev. J .W. Brown, pastor. A large crowd greeted the class of thirty-one young women who had finished the three years' nurse training course at the Harlem Hospital.

The president of the Board of Trustees, Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, was chairman of the occasion, and the invocation was offered by the Rev. James W. Brown.

Mrs. S. J. O'Brien, R. N., superintendent of nurses, and Miss Alice Brewer, R N., assistant in charge of the training school, gave their annual reports, and these were supplemented by Dr. Rudolf Rapp, medical superintendent of Harlem Hospital.

For the class, Miss Sue Hargrave deliversed the valedictory address, subject, "The Relationship of the Nurse and Hospital to the Community," the class song for 1928 was sung, and diplomas were presented the graduates.

The commencement address to the graduates was delivered by James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., and Dr. Brown pronounced the benediction. The class presentation to the hospital was a set of dishes.

Following the graduation exercises, a reception to the new nurses was held in the parlors of the Nurses' Residence at Harlem Hospital, on 136th street.

Roster of Graduates

The roster of the graduating class contains the following names: Ida Frances Carter, N. Y.; Harriet Constance Eccles, N. Y.; Juanita Edwards, Missouri; Viola Elizabeth French, Kentucky; Florence Bessie Young, New Jersey; Julia Emma Hardee, South Carolina; Olive Matthews, British West Indies; Edith Lucille Nelson, Alabama; Jeanette Van Howard Ready, N. Y.; Rosa Mai Rivers, South Carolina; Helen Arvilla Smith, Massachusetts; Mildred Travis, Ohio; Edith Florence Young, New Julia Emma Thompson, N. Y.; Mary Iness Bland, New Jersey.

Also, Martha Virginia Bradley Virginia; Viola Beatrice Bridges N. Y.; Daisy Virginia Collins, Virginia Willie Beatrice Greer, Kentucky; Edith Holloway, Virginia; Sue Basidear Hargrave, North Carolina; Volda Beatrice Isaacs, New York City; Lucille Jones Jackson Virginia; Annabel Lee, Massachusetts; Marie Mayers, N. Y.; Ruth Mazel McCombs, Pennsylvania: Frances Elizabeth Polk, New Jersey Edith Louise Richards, New Jersey; Catherine Elizabeth Risdon British West Indies; Elizabeth Westbrook Wooton, New York

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North Carolina.

Charlotte, N. C. News
Wednesday, May 30, 1928

Negro Nurses to Graduate

The graduating exercises of the 21st class of Good Samaritan Hospital nurses will be held in the auditorium of St. Michael's School tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, it was announced today. Three members make up the class this year. They are Effie Smith, Gladys Sharpe and and Jessie Young. The opening prayer will be made by Rev. R. B. Owen, of the Holy Comforter Church, while Rev. John Moore Walker, of the St. Peter's Episcopal Church, will make the graduating address. Diplomas will be presented by Dr. C. M. Strong. The exercises will be closed by Rev. John Long Jackson, of the St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

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Spartanburg, S. C., Herald
Friday, June 8, 1928

NEGRO HOSPITAL NURSES GRADUATE

Five nurses were presented diplomas at graduating exercises of the Spartanburg County Colored hospital held in the Silver Hill Methodist church last night.

The program follows:

Silent procession, graduate nurses.

Singing, "Hold the Fort."

Invocation, Rev. L. G. Gregg.

Singing, Silver Hill choir.

"Greatness Through Service," Catherine Moore.

"The Voyage of Life," Arrie Belle Smith.

Solo, Pearl Clemons.

"The Mission of a Trained Nurse," Asa Thompson.

"Climb, Though the Way Be Rugged," Corrie Belle Shelton.

Serenade quartet.

"The Wrong Baby," by the nurses.

Remarks by citizens, Susie Mae Rubins.

Address to nurses, Dr. O. C. Bennett.

Presentation of pins and diplomas, by Dr. G. T. Mansel.

Silver offering.

Refreshments free, by Golden Rule club.

Dismission.

NEWS
CHARLESTON, S. C.

MAY 6 - 1928

To Address Negro Nurses.

Columbia, May 5.—Special: Dr. J. A. Hayne, state health officer, will deliver an address to the members of the South Carolina Negro Nurses association at the annual convention, which will be held in Columbia May 15 and 16. Dr. Hayne's address will be delivered at the session of the convention Tuesday evening, May 15, at Wesley A. M. E. church.

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Tennessee.

NEGRO HOSPITAL HAS 8 GRADUATES

Memphis, Tenn.—(ANP)—Jane Terrell Baptist Hospital and Training School for nurses held its nineteenth annual commencement exercises June 5. Dr. A. C. Terrell, superintendent, presented the diplomas. Rev. Sutton Griggs preached the class sermon.

Those finishing are: Florence Mansfield Hulen, Ellendale, Tenn.; Rose Annie Green, Yazoo City, Miss.; Theresa Mae Ford, Austin, Texas; Willa Mae Cuyler, Florala, Ala.; Elmer La Verne Slaughter, Montgomery, Ala.; Alice Mabel Speight, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Fenton Fay Fuller, Leila Mae Smith, St. Louis, Mo.

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Virginia.

DR. DRAKE TELLS ESSENTIALS OF A GOOD NURSE

Is Principal Speaker At Meeting O. L. A. Nurses Association

At the recent meeting of the L. A. Nurses Association, Dr. W. A. Drake, prominnet physician and surgeon and surgeon-in-chief of Tidewater Hospital, was the principal speaker. Dr. Drake gave some very practical hints to the L. A. nurses relative to their profession. He was presented by Miss Georgia Archer, who outlined the object and cooperative idea of the nurses, and who referred appreciatively to the assistance and encouragement received by them from the physicians of the city. Incidentally, Miss Archer stated that she was especially orded to have Dr. Drake with the association, inasmuch as it was under him and his staff she received her hospital experinece. Dr. Drake said: "I am very glad to be asked to deliver the first of a series of lectures to this association. It means much to cooperate; if the L. A. nurses would get nearer and nearer to the R. N. nurses it would cause a more systematic and united cooperation. The L. A. nurses' work is somewhat different from the R. N. nurses'. You are required to go strictly by the doctor's orders, know how to take temperature, pulse, respiration and to make your patient comfortable and to assist the family in any way not neglecting your patient.

"The R. N. nurses are supposed to know if the doctor phones to give a certain fraction of a pill that she is able to reduce to that fraction. We should learn all we can. For 25 years of practice and experience I have had, yet there is much more for me to learn. Nurses are born, not made. Neatness, patience and personality have much to do with your progress. The one-year course that has been added to Tidewater Hospital is to enable you to get a State certificate.

Must Do Charity Work

Dr. Drake spoke of the charity work a doctor and nurse have to do. "Many times you are called on to perform duty without pay," he said. "We should be Christianity enough to save a life or minister to those in need without money or price.

"There are too many babies dying. We should teach those who do not know that the saving of the baby is the saving of the future generation." He referred to the necessity of stamping out tuberculosis and expressed pleasure at knowing that the city is contemplating building an Incurable Disease Hospital.

Things That Make A Good Nurse

Outlining some of the things which are essential in a good nurse, Dr. Drake said, "exercise quickness in your daily work in the home so your employer will have confidence in you: accuracy to turn your work to the standard in all respect so the doctor can relie on you to carry out his order; politeness and courtesy in the home and your surroundings; time—Be on time in the ministering of profession. We all should value time. Be one time in the ministering of your medicine; let time be your guide.

"We should stand together, not criticizing the nurses and the doctors, but as an organization boost the work—keep your business in your meetings and do all you can ministering to those who are in need. Be as the Bible says: 'I saw thee naked and I clothed thee, sick and ministered unto thee. Don't let the answer be, I know thee not, but good and faithful enter into the joys of my Lord.'

The meeting was held in the home of the vice president, Mrs. Archer, 1239 Church street, with a large attendance. After the close of the meeting a dainty reception was had.

Dr. G. Hamilton Francis will deliver the second of the series of lectures on the third Thursday in April.

PETITION COUNCIL FOR EMPLOYMENT OF REGISTERED NURSE

Newport News, Va.—Colored citizens of Newport News have presented a petition to the city council seeking the employment of a registered colored visiting nurse.

The petition follows:

Newport News, Va.
August 21, 1828.

To: The City Council of Newport News, Virginia.

From: The Colored Citizens.

Subject: Employment of a Registered Colored Nurse.

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned citizens, do hereby petition that registered colored visiting nurse be employed to work among the 15,000 colored citizens of Newport News. That she shall sustain the same relations to the colored youth as the white nurse to the white youth. That she shall have charge of the pre-natal, post-natal, and that she shall be under the authority of the city and state health departments.

We are making this request because of the urgent need of a nurse among our people in this community. It is reasonable and has proved to be the most effective way in improving the health condition among the colored folk North and South. An investigation of the health work done by health units in the cities and counties of Virginia will reveal its value to the colored folk and the community. Preventive medicine can be best taught by a registered colored nurse among our racial group. This view is held by all who know the native and the racial mind. We are anxious for the equal improvement of the public health and especially the most neglected section and group, therefore we trust and respectfully request that an increased appropriation for the colored registered nurse. The good done by this request will be for the benefit of the public, and is not to be considered in dollars and cents We are sure that all public spirited citizens will approve this request and that the colored people will fully appreciate a favorable action.

Earnestly awaiting your reasonable action on this petition, we are: C. H Robinson. W. T. Jones. M. D., E. H Eaton, P. A. Smott, M. D., J. S. Smith W. W. Pinkett, S. A. Thomas, D. D. S. A. Fowlkes, D. D. S., Rev. J. J Posey, Rev. W. R. Howerton, Rev. A. Galvin, Rev. H. C. Gannaway, T. R. Raney, James M. Hayes, M. D. Rev. C. L. Van Putten, E. A. Eaton M. D., I. B. McEachin, M. D., Wm. S Woodard, pharmacist, N. Lassiter, D D. S., Z. H. Milbourn, manager N. C Mutual Life Insurance Co.; J. L Raney jr., A. E. Drake, J. H. Taliaferro, Rev. D. J. Black, H. Clay Midgett, attorney; A. F. Williams, Leonard A. Banks, D. D. S., T. C. Erwin J. Thomas Newsome, attorney; W R. Walker, Wesley Rainey, Jeremial Smith, N. H. Little, J. H. Ridley, Rev W. J. Brown, Miss B. L. Johnson manager of Star Printing Co.; Rev S. A. Howell, Peyton Brown, Mrs. M C. Jones, manager of Cooke Bros., funeral directors and embalmers; E. E Smith, M. D., Mrs. C. H. Robinson L. F. Palmer, N. B. Clark, C. W. Scott M. D., Rev. J. Metz Collins.

A true copy, teste:

A. M. HAMILTON,
City Clerk

The following endorsement of the petition have been received by Rev J. J. Posey:

August 6, 1928.

Rev. J. J. Posey,
2310 Marshal avenue,
Newport News, Virginia.

My dear Rev. Posey:

I duly received your letter some time ago and absence from the city so much of late has caused my delay in replying.

I wish to express to you my appreciation of your kind words of congratulation on my twentieth anniversary.

In regard to the pre-school work among the children, I would suggest that you take this up with local health officials. They would doubtless be glad to have cooperation of a group like yours in such good work

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

ENNION G. WILLIAMS
State Health Commissioner

Suffolk, Va.

Dear Sir:

The health department of Suffolk and Nansemond county enthusiastically endorses the work done by Nurse Bettie L. Davis among the colored people of this city and county. She has shown a devotion to duty which can only inspire the people whom she has served with the desire for better health.

Let us hope they in turn will show their appreciation of her work, in a spiritual as well as material way.

The necessity of having a colored visiting nurse for the colored people of this community is no longer an experiment. The value of her services has been proven.

(Signed)

CHALLIS H. DAWSON, M. D.
Director, Nansemond-Suffolk
Health Department

The following is an endorsement from the director of Suffolk-Nanse-

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Visiting Nurse Service in Forty-Five States Cuts Infant Mortality Toll

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.

FORTY-FIVE States are now cooperating under the Sheppard-Towner maternity act to maintain a visiting nurse service for mothers, according to a report today by the Children's Bureau of the Labor Department.

In 1927 reports from thirty-nine States and the Territory of Hawaii show that there were more than 721,000 home visits by nurses. Practically all of these were to expectant mothers, infants and pre-school children in their homes; some were to midwives.

Largely through the activities of these visiting nurses, the bureau reports, the infant mortality rate in the United States was reduced last year to the lowest point since records have been kept. The rate was sixty-four deaths for every 1,000 live births, which compares with a previous low rate of seventy-one in 1924. In 1926 the rate was seventy-three.

The work of the visiting nurses is chiefly educational and aims to reach parents with advice on the care of mother and child. In many cases, however, the nurses are present at the time of birth and assist the physicians. Sometimes, too, no doctors are available and the nurses work alone.

Letters from nurses on file in the Children's Bureau recount innumerable thrilling and amusing experiences they have encountered on their visits to out-of-the-way places. Most of the nurses visit rural areas by automobile and are frequently snowbound or "washed out" on lonely country roads.

Work among the negro mothers in the South is an important part of the Sheppard-Towner nurses' program. Among the native population there the nurses and midwives are known as "rabbit snatchers." The negro mothers are extremely grateful for the services of the visiting nurses, whom they regard as direct representatives of Uncle Sam.

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Georgia.

Public Health Work.

Atlanta, Ga., Georgian
Sunday, April 1, 1928

Public Health Baby Clinics Study Needs In 41 Schools

"THE most important work of the Parent-Teacher Association is the pre-school age work, and we have study circles in every one of the 41 schools, trying to find out what is best for the small child. Then we have 21 baby clinics in Atlanta for white babies, and two for the negroes. Most of these are sponsored by the P.-T. A.," said Miss Lillian Alexander, head of public health nursing in the City Health Department.

Miss Alexander gave a demonstration of her work Friday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce when she and Miss Mary Dickenson spoke on child welfare at the educational meeting sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Miss Alexander and Miss Ashmore, who has charge of the Fulton Bag and the Andrew Stewart baby clinics, had mothers with their babies to tell the audience just what these clinics meant for the pre-natal baby and for the baby as it grew to kindergarten age.

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Most of these mothers had formerly been afraid of doctors, hospitals and clinics, but after the establishment of the clinics they are among the strongest advocates of them. One mother of 14 children was only 32 years old.

"Many of these mothers have midwives because doctors are too busy to give their time for them, but the midwives are thoroughly trained, are instructed twice each month, their equipment is inspected once each month, and they have clubs which meet monthly. Some of these mother will now go to Grady Hospital.

"We had 108 of these midwives, counting the negroes, last year, and under the Sheppard-Towner act, the Federal Government also sends doctors to inspect the work.

"Then we have in the home economics department of all the high schools special training for the girls on how to take care of the baby—how to dress it, bathe it and so on. You would be surprised how the girls love this department, especially when we take a real baby to them to demonstrate.

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"There is also the little mothers' club in the elementary schools, and girls are taught how to tend to babies, how to feed them, to make poultices in the mothers' absence.

"In the follow-up milk for health campaign this spring, the mothers of the school children co-operated in every way, and the gain by underweight children was immense. We can't do much with underweight high school girls—it is not the fault with their diet, either, but just a habit because they want to keep thin."

Miss Mary Dickenson spoke on what the Sheppard-Towner act meant for mothers and children, and stated there were five centers in Georgia at present, but by 1929 this would be abolished unless the voters get busy. She stated the death rate for mothers and babies had decreased during the past few years because of the care bestowed upon them under this act.

Miss Rivers, social service worker at the Fulton Bag, made a short address, and Mrs. R. L. Turman spoke on this work.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Alfred Bailey, president of the league.

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Louisiana.

Public Health Work

Ruston, La., Leader
Thursday, April 19, 1928

HEALTH NURSE VISITS SCHOOL AT GRAMBLING

Mrs. Gage Obtains Colored Health Nurse To Conduct Examinations.

The colored school children of Grambling are being given examinations this week by a colored public health nurse from the Louisiana State Board of Health, under the supervision of Mrs. L. B. Gage, the Lincoln parish health nurse. Mrs. Gage obtained this service without cost to the parish, the expenses being defrayed by the State Board of Health.

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WINSTON SALEM, N. C

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NEW COLORED NURSE FOR COUNTY BEGINS HER DISTRICT WORK

Districts have been assigned Mary Peoples, recently engaged as special nurse for work among the colored people of the county, Dr. J. Roy Hege, director of the Forsyth County Board of Health, announced Saturday.

The newly-elected nurse will concentrate her efforts among her people in six districts rather than undertake too much travel with its excessive demands for travel, Dr. Hege announced. The districts she will work in will be Kernersville, Walkertown, Rural Hall, Old Richmond-Bethania, Reynolda, Lewisville-Clemmons. The previous service rendered colored people in other districts of the county by the white nurses will be continued.

The colored nurse will visit each district twice weekly and do the school and maternity and infant hygiene work demanded in her districts especially for the colored.

Mary Peoples is a graduate nurse and has had considerable experience in her profession as well as a teacher. She was assisted some during the week by a maternity and infancy nurse from the State Department of Health and the work has every indication of filling a need and producing large returns, Dr. Hege stated.